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This application claims priority from PCT/EP03/007436 filed on 9 July 2003 and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/472,648 filed 21 March 2002.

On page two of the present specification, please insert after the second paragraph, line 23, the following:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 12 of the present specification, second paragraph please amend the following:

The invention will be explained in more detail in the following by way of example and with reference to embodiments and to the drawings ~~which show:~~

On page 12 of the present specification, please insert on line 8 the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 12 beginning on line 9 through page 14 line 12 of the present specification, please amend the following:

Fig. 1 shows a side view of a hollow fastener element in accordance with the invention,

- Fig. 2 shows a plan view of the upper end face of the fastener element of Fig. 1,
- Fig. 3 shows a perspective illustration of the fastener element of the Figs. 1 and 2,
- Fig. 4 shows a representation partly sectioned in the longitudinal direction of the fastener element of the Figs. 1 to 3 in the starting stage of the attachment of the fastener element to a sheet metal part using a die button,
- Fig. 5 shows a representation similar to Fig. 4 but at a later phase of the attachment of the fastener element to the sheet metal part,
- Fig. 6 shows a representation similar to Fig. 5 but at a yet later stage of the attachment of the fastener element to the sheet metal part,
- Fig. 7 shows a representation similar to Fig. 6 after completion of the attachment of the functional element of the sheet metal part,
- Fig. 8 shows a component assembly of Fig. 7 after the removal from the tool for the manufacture of the component assembly,
- Fig. 9 shows an alternative embodiment of the fastener element similar to the fastener element of Figs. 1 - 8, but with a different mount for the electrical terminal device, with Fig. 9 showing the element partly in side view and partly in longitudinal section,
- Fig. 10 shows a plan view on the lower side of the fastener element of Fig. 9,

- Fig. 11 shows a perspective illustration of the fastener element of Figs. 9 and 10,
- Fig. 12 shows a side view of the fastener element of Figs. 9, 10 and 11,
- Fig. 13 shows the detail Z in Fig. 9,
- Fig. 14 shows the fastener element of Fig. 9 attached to a sheet metal part,
- Fig. 15 shows the component assembly of Fig. 14 with an electrical terminal device which is secured via a screw to the fastener element,
- Fig. 16 shows a plan view of the electrical terminal device of Fig. 15 prior to attachment to the fastener element of Fig. 15,
- Fig. 17 shows a representation of a further embodiment of a fastener element in accordance with the invention partly in side view and partly in a longitudinally sectioned view,
- Fig. 18 shows a plan view on the top side of the fastener element of Fig. 17 and
- Fig. 19 shows the fastener element of Figs. 17 and 18 after attachment to a sheet metal part.

On page 14 of the present specification, please insert on line 13 the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION